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Subject: Bay-Delta Program Problem Definition

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff have begun work to define the problems associated with the Bay-Delta system. Preparing a comprehensive, well-defined problem statement is the first step toward developing an effective long-term solution.

Program staff are preparing a detailed problem definition by compiling problem statements, issues, and concerns from a variety of sources. These sources include the results of the first public workshop on August 3rd; staff review of literature and previous planning efforts, including BDOC and the San Francisco Estuary Project; and staff and consultant expertise and knowledge.

One of the challenges for the program is presenting or describing the problems to be solved in a comprehensive, understandable manner. At this time, we anticipate describing the problem in three formats. First, a complete listing of problems identified will be prepared. Second, problems will be arrayed in a matrix that will show linkages between problems, objectives, causes, and potential actions needed to address the problem. Completing this matrix will be the subject of workshops 2 and 3. Third, the problems will be arrayed in a tree diagram showing progressive levels of detail for each problem identified.

Once we have developed each of these three descriptions of the problems to be addressed, the objectives for the program can be developed. At the second public workshop, September 14, we will be working with the public to translate the problem statements into a set of program objectives. At the third public workshop, October 12, we will be identifying potential actions to be considered.

Included in this information packet is a staff summary report of the August 3rd public workshop, which provides a listing of problems identified by the public. Objectives, causes, and actions suggested during the workshop were also recorded. At your next meeting on August 16, staff will provide a draft listing of Bay-Delta problems (incorporating ideas generated at the workshop as well as staff work and literature review). We will also provide the preliminary problem matrix and tree diagram showing levels of detail of the problems.

Please contact me or Sharon Gross with any comments or questions about the attached materials.

Attachments

Agenda 3a. Summary of August 3 Public Workshop